

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are canceled. Claims 25-27 have been amended to more closely resemble the claims allowed for United States Application No. 09/882,814, to which the present application claims priority and which is incorporated in the present application by reference in its entirety for all purposes. Claims 28-34 are canceled.

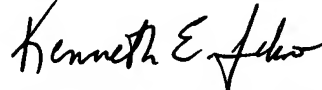
Therefore, no new matter will be added with entry of these amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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